

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Committee on Financial Services

From: FSC Majority Staff

Date: May 9, 2016

Subject: May 12, 2016, Hearing Titled “The Future of Housing in America: A Comparison of the United Kingdom and United States Models of Affordable Housing.”

The Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance will hold a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: A Comparison of the United Kingdom and United States Models of Affordable Housing” on May 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2128 Rayburn House Office Building.

This will be a one-panel hearing with the following witnesses:

- Mr. Thomas Bledsoe, President and CEO of Housing Partnership Network
- Dr. Harris Beider, Professor of Community Cohesion at the Centre for Social Relations, Coventry University, United Kingdom
- Susan Popkin, Senior Fellow and Director of the Neighborhoods and Youth Development Initiative, Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center, The Urban Institute
- Ms. Jaime Alison Lee, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Community Development Clinic, University of Baltimore School of Law
- Mr. Richard C. Gentry, President and CEO, San Diego (CA) Housing Commission
- Mr. Greg Russ, Executive Director, Cambridge (MA) Housing Authority

This hearing is part of a series of hearings to assess affordable and rental housing programs fifty years after the creation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This hearing, in particular, will examine two reports that compare the affordable housing models of the United States and the United Kingdom. Both countries faced significant administrative costs in providing

affordable housing and experienced the need to implement innovative management practices while investing significant amounts of capital (including private capital) in housing programs. By outlining how the United Kingdom addressed these needs, the reports provide insight to policymakers charged with administering and improving affordable housing programs in the United States.

The reports are as follows:

- “Lessons of the International Housing Partnership,” The Housing Partnership Network, February 2016;¹ and
- “Atlantic Exchange: Case Studies of Housing and Community Redevelopment in the United States and the United Kingdom,” The Urban Institute, February 2010.²

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¹ Available at: [http://www.housingpartnership.net/documents/Lessons-IHP-\(Feb2016\).pdf](http://www.housingpartnership.net/documents/Lessons-IHP-(Feb2016).pdf)

² Available at: <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/412050-Atlantic-Exchange-Case-Studies-of-Housing-and-Community-Redevelopment-in-the-US-and-the-UK.PDF>